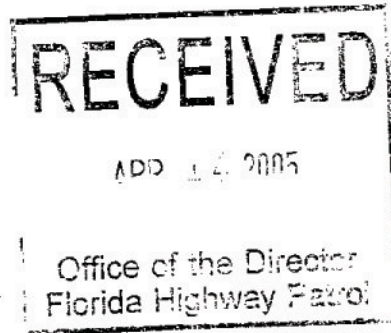




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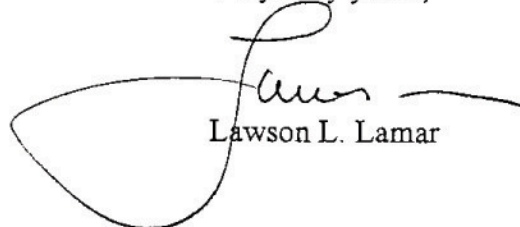
Dear Major Brown:

Thank you so very much for providing me the opportunity to ride along with Trooper Aaron Stephens this morning. He picked me up at the State Attorney's office in his spotless Marauder and we had occasion to patrol in east Orange County. The experience was entirely positive as Trooper Stephens demonstrated all the skills that we could hope to see in the daily exercise of his duties. He is a quality ambassador for the patrol as well as a diligent enforcer of our Florida State statutes. His ability to relate to the public is as good as I have ever seen in my several decades of this work. I think he shows considerable leadership potential and would thus commend him.

Please let the Colonel know that I was highly impressed with the effectiveness of the totally unmarked unit. People violated FS 316 in a manner that made them easy to catch. Having spent enough time in marked and unmarked units I can testify that a trooper can make a lot more difference in modifying the public's behavior if the car has no light bar and is not a tan and black Crown Vic. I guess we all know that but I was frankly astounded at how productive Trooper Stephens was able to be.

Thank you for all the good work that you do and do not hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Colonel Knight